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SUBJ: RICE FOR CAMBODIA - POSSIBLE JAPANESE ASSISTANCE

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT UNLIKELY GKR WOULD BE ABLE OBTAIN 20-40,000 MT JAPANESE RICE FROM GOJ AND SUPPLY OF 5-10,000 MT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. FONOFF SUGGESTION (MIYAKE) OF LAST SEPTEMBER THAT USG SUPPLY GKR NEEDS FROM USG ALLOCATION TO THIRD COUNTRY WITH GOJ MAKING UP REDUCTION APPEARS WORTH EXPLORING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT JAPANESE RICE SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED SINCE REPORT SUBMITTED IN REF B. BASICALLY, GOJ HAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL 300,000 MT JAPANESE RICE FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND HAS COMMITTED 250 ,000 MT TO KOREA AND BANGLADESH. GOJ STILL CONSIDERING RAISING OVERALL DISPOSAL FIGURE TO 400,000 MT. GOJ HAS PENDING REQUESTS FROM INDONESIA (350,000 MT) AND PHILIPPINES (200,000 MT) . THIS RICE AVAILABLE ON LOAN BASIS.

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2. GOJ FAC COMMITMENT (\$14.3 MILLION) USUALLY USED TO PROCURE THIRD COUNTRY RICE AND OCCASIONALLY JAPANESE RICE. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING THAILAND AND BURMA AS SOURCES, EMBASSY INFORMED THAT GOJ RECENTLY MADE INQUIRY OF PAKISTAN AS TO AVAILABILITY RICE FROM THAT COUNTRY.

3. GOJ SENSITIVITY TO EXTENSION ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDO-CHINESE STATES, PARTICULARLY WHEN WARFARE HAS FLARED UP, WELL-KNOWN. AS RESULT GKR HIGH-LEVEL REQUEST LAST YEAR TO GOJ FOR 25,000 MT RICE, GOJ PURCHASED 6,000 MT THAI RICE. SITUATION IN GKR APPEARS TO HAVE DETERIORATED SINCE THEN WHICH MIGHT WELL HAVE FURTHER NEGATIVE IMPACT ON GOJ ATTITUDE TOWARD. SUPPLY RICE TO THAT GOVERNMENT.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT GKR COULD OBTAIN 20-40,000 MT JAPANDOE RICE FROM GOJ AND THAT SUPPLY OF 5-10,000 MT JAPANESE RICE WOULD BE DIFFICULT. EMBASSY POINTS OUT THAT IN REF C, MIYAKE, HEAD, FIRST SEA DIVISION, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, SUGGESTED LAST SEPTEMBER THAT PERHAPS SWAP COULD BE ARRANGED BETWEEN USG AND GOJ BY WHICH USG SUPPLIED GKR NEEDS THROUGH REDUCTION SUPPLY OTHER EAST ASIAN COUNTRY, WHILE GOJ MADE UP DIFFERENCE TO COUNTRY CONCERNED.

5. EMBASSY INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES EXPLORATION MIYAKE SUGGESTION MIGHT YIELD MAXIMUM RESULTS.
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